

Official Hanging Parties.
How to Influence Gorillas.
Ford Fights Disease.
Where's Jackson's
Democracy?

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The jailer in Chicago, when he has a man ready to be hanged, compels two or three hundred of his "most dangerous criminals" to watch the hanging. His intentions are excellent. Says he:
"It ought to make them better men." But is that so?
If you made two hundred gorillas look on while you strangled one gorilla, would it make them better gorillas? Would not the gorillas say to themselves: "Good idea; I shall choke a white man the first chance I get."

Do you make better men of criminals by reminding them that government itself does not hesitate to kill when it thinks killing desirable?

Hardened criminals are men with hardened brains, badly-shaped skulls. They see one of their kind choked to death by a power that does not like him. Will they not say, "Thanks for this lesson. I also shall choke my enemy?"

Here is offered to the jailer, at the suggestion of Mr. John Cowley-Brown, an extract from Thackeray's essay, "Going to See a Man Hanged."

When Thackeray saw his man hanged, eighty years ago, they thought that public hangings would diminish crime.

"There is some talk too, of the terror which the sight of this spectacle inspires, and of this we have endeavored to give as good a notion as we can in the above pages. I fully confess that I came away down Snow Hill that morning with a disgust for murder, but it was for THE MURDER I SAW DONE. . . . This is 20th of July, and I may be permitted to declare that, for the last fourteen days, so salutary has the impression been upon me, I have had the man's face continually before my eyes; that I can see Mr. Ketch at this moment, with an eddy air, taking the rope from his pocket; that I feel myself ashamed and degraded at the brutal curiosity which took me to that brutal sight; and I pray to Almighty God to cause this disgraceful sin to pass from among us, and to cleanse our land of blood."

Important, because it will influence the human race a thousand years from now, is Henry Ford's start in fighting the most horrible blood disease that attacks the human race. Scientists predict that if not checked this disease ultimately will wipe out the white race, leaving dominant the yellow races that have proved themselves immune.

Future history may write about the day when Henry Ford sent to Germany for fifty thousand tubes of "Salvarsan" long after it stops writing about our present Bolshevik bogey strife.

Today the Jackson Day diners will tell you why they think they ought to be elected President on a Democratic ticket.

You heard from Republicans yesterday. Did you hear anything convincing?

There might be another dinner on the anniversary of Jackson's death, the subject of all speeches to be: "What Became of the Democracy That Made Jackson Say He Would Not Allow One Big Bank to Dominate the United States?" Jackson is no leader than Jacksonian Democracy. Banks have grown bigger and statesmen smaller.

A colored gentleman convicted of murder did not offer modern excuses of insanity or brain-storm. He said: "The woman made me do it," and named the lady.

Thus also Adam tried to excuse his apple-eating: "Mulier me deceptit." Like Adam, the colored man was convicted.

The other news in the colored race is the divorce granted to a white woman who proved that her husband was a mulatto. He told her he was descended from Indian chiefs.

Why, in the estimation of whites, are negroes that fought the sun of the tropics for thousands of years and have done so much good work in the United States, less acceptable than Indians, that fought only heavy blows of the North and have had to be supported by their Uncle Sam? The answer is that labor as yet is not really respectable. Negroes work; Indians do not.

New York's Legislature, imitating the lower house of Congress, throws out five members elected on the Socialist ticket.

The majority rules, unless a local majority elects a man that a bigger majority doesn't want."

27 DROWN WHEN TWO SHIPS SINK IN GALE

Heavy Damage Is Caused by Tidal Wave Along the Coast of France.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—Twenty-seven were drowned when the tugboat Pluvier and the sailing vessel Jallouas were sunk in a storm in the Mediterranean off the south coast of France, according to dispatches here today.

WEATHER:
Main tonight and probably tomorrow: Partly cloudy with light rain.
Temperature at 8 p. m., 41 degrees.

U. S. Agents Locate Lenine Envoy in This City But Delay Arrest Until Tomorrow

'SOVIET ARK' IN ENGLISH CHANNEL

DEMOCRATS TO DON WARPAINT

Bryan Last Big Gun of Party to Arrive for Banquet Broad-side Tonight.

WILSON'S MESSAGE READY

Contents Secret, Though Rumors Deal With Treaty Stand and Third Term Refusal.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, I. N. S. Staff Correspondent.

The battle for the Presidency begins today. At 6 o'clock tonight the shock troops of Democracy, who have been gathering here for the last week, will mass in the forward trenches of the banquet halls of the Willard and Washington, and two hours later, after the iron rations of politics have been served and the coffee passed around, the barrage of speeches will open and the campaign will be on.

Zero hour for the broadside is officially set for 8 p. m.

Bryan Last to Arrive.

William Jennings Bryan, one of the big guns of the party, arrived today, being one of the last to come up. He had been in the South. Gov. John J. Cornwall, of West Virginia, and James M. Cox, of Ohio, also Mrs. Peter Oleson, of Minnesota, had previously arrived on the field, as had former Ambassador James W. Gerard. Senators Gilbert M. Hitchcock of Nebraska, Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama, Alton Pomeroy of Ohio and Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma returned to Washington earlier in the week to attend the opening of Congress, which same was true of Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri, while the other speakers on the double rally bill for tonight—Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels and Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer—were already on the scene.

Unless the forecasts of all our very best political star gazers fall conspicuously short of promises, the Presidential contest this year will be the grandest catch-as-catch-can, free-for-all and no-holds-barred scrimmage a national election ever provided.

Independents Forming Lines.

The campaign has not yet begun yet charges and counter-charges are beginning to fly between Republicans and Democrats and with them bits of witticisms and sarcasms at each other's expense, while independent and nonpartisan groups are preparing to launch attacks of their own at both the old-line parties.

Bryan today refused to do a great amount of talking for publication lest he give away the main points of his speeches tonight and anti-climax (Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

PHONE COMPANY MAY ASK HIGHER RATES

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company is considering petitioning the Public Utilities Commission for higher telephone rates, it was learned today from C. T. Claggett, division manager of the company.

Just how much of an increase the company is considering asking is unknown. It is expected the company will make a decision about asking for higher rates within the next few days.

Like the Washington Railway and Electric Company, the telephone company feels it is not earning a sufficient return on its valuation.

LLOYD GEORGE'S WIFE NOW A MAGISTRATE

CARNARVON, Wales, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Lloyd George, wife of the premier, was today sworn in as a magistrate by the quarter sessions court, thus becoming the first Welsh woman to sit upon the bench.

MRS. JENNIE PITTS DIES; WAS ORDAINED MINISTER

OSWEGO, N. Y., Jan. 8.—The Rev. Jennie I. Pitts, sixty, ordained minister of the Methodist church at Bundyville, and wife of the Rev. Edwin Pitts, died today. She was the mother of Capt. C. F. Pitts, U. S. A., New York, and Lieut. Edwin B. Pitts, Washington.

Chairman and Committeewomen Who Will Attend Jackson Dinner



(1) Mrs. Pattie R. Jacobs, associate Democratic national committeewoman from Alabama; (2) Miss Mary Ovan Graham, committeewoman from North Carolina; (3) Miss Caroline Ruutz-Rees, committeewoman from Connecticut; (4) Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic National Committee; (5) Mrs. D. A. McDougal, committeewoman from Oklahoma; (6) Mrs. George Bass, chairman of woman's bureau, Democratic National Committee; (7) Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, committeewoman from Texas; (8) Miss Mary E. Foy, committeewoman from California; (9) Mrs. Peter Oleson, committeewoman from Minnesota.

TWO-THIRDS RULE ABOLITION URGED

Nebraska Democrat Offers Resolution for Nomination By Majority.

During the open session of the Democratic national committee today, A. F. Mullen, delegate from Nebraska, attempted to introduce a motion to change the rule whereby a two-thirds vote is required to nominate in a Democratic convention. He was sidetracked, however, by other business; the motion probably will be put in later.

When the roll of States was called, San Francisco, Chicago and Kansas City, Mo., made their requests for the 1920 convention. Mrs. Mary Foy extended the invitation for California.

In reading his annual report, Chairman Homer F. Cummings pleaded for a revival of militant spirit of "Old Hickory" and for more vigor in the conduct of the Democratic campaign.

Kansas City Takes Offensive. Kansas City took the offensive this morning in the drive to get the convention, and the hall was plastered with Kansas City newspapers and maps showing the central location of the city.

Former Senator James Hamilton Lewis appealed to the committee to select Chicago as the convention city on the ground that it is the center of a great foreign population which he declared is being misled by the Republicans.

"The Republican managers," he said, "are using the peace treaty and President Wilson's work for peace in an effort to arouse hostility against the Democracy among those of foreign birth. They are trying to array the foreign forces in this country in a single legion of enmity to America by charging that Woodrow Wilson has betrayed America through the peace treaty."

Automotive Men Give New York the Once Over As Guests of The Times

By Staff Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—A unique "get-together" affair was held here last evening, probably the most elaborate ever held during an Automobile Show week in the metropolis.

The occasion was a complimentary theater party and buffet supper tendered by the automotive department of The Washington Times to the Washington Automotive Trade Association and leading dealers connected with the automobile industry in Washington. The various factories represented in Washington and advertising agencies that compile copy and schedules for the trade also were present.

Some Celebration It Was.

More than two hundred guests, not only from Washington, but from all over the country, forgot for the time being, automobiles and kindred subjects and gave themselves up to an evening of enjoyment.

The Times' object in extending this invitation was to celebrate the first anniversary of the editorship of the paper's automotive section by L. J. Faulkner.

Through the co-operation of the local dealers and the manufacturers The Washington Times Automotive Section has grown to be a recognized leader in the country, and the publisher felt that some slight appreciation was due to the trade in general that made this accomplishment possible.

OWN LIES TRAPPED WAN, SAYS LAWS

Prosecutor Denies Confession of Slaying Was Coerced—Verdict Tomorrow Probable.

Denouncing Ziang Sung Wan as a shrewd, calculating Oriental, who shot to death the three members of the Chinese Educational Mission after he had planned to rob them and the mission of funds, Assistant United States District Attorney Bolitha J. Laws, this morning, opened argument for the prosecution before Justice Gould and a jury in criminal division No. 1, District Supreme Court, where the defendant has been on trial for his life for more than three weeks.

It is not likely that Wan will know his fate today, as it is not expected that the jury will be given the case until tomorrow morning, when District Attorney John E. Laskey will close for the Government.

"While the defendant is on trial for the killing of Ben Sen Wu," declared Assistant District Attorney Laws, "the evidence presented consistently proves that he killed all three members of the Chinese Educational Mission, the motive for the triple crime being robbery."

Disregarding the confession made by the defendant, the Government has proved irrefutably the guilt of Wan," said Laws.

Referring to the persistent efforts of the counsel for the defense to make it appear that Wan confessed to having killed Wu and to having forged the \$5,000 check, Laws said:

"What was more natural for the defense to try and bring the condemnation of the jury down upon the police—to assert the confession was obtained by torturing the defendant. In the days of extended cross-examination of the defendant (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

U. S. SEEKS SPOT TO DUMP ITS CARGO OF BOLSHEVIKI

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The United States transport Buford, the "Soviet ark," carrying deported radicals from the United States to Russia, is lying in the English channel, awaiting orders before proceeding, according to a wireless message picked up here last night.

Reports that the "Soviet Ark" Buford was lying in the English Channel awaiting orders, in accordance with plans, it was said at the Department of Labor today.

"The Buford has no instructions as to where to land," said Commissioner General of Immigration Cammetti. "As soon as I hear from the Buford, it will be notified where to go."

"It has not been decided where it will land. Recommendations will be made to the State Department as to what will be a suitable landing spot."

Other officials previously said the Buford had sailed with complete orders.

TO PUNISH WILHELM AS FUTURE WARNING

Sir Frederick Pollock Says Precedent Must Be Set to Stop Would-be Napoleons.

By WILLIAM L. WALLABAR, I. N. S. Staff Correspondent.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The trial of William Hohenzollern before an international tribunal "for a supreme offence against international morality and the sanctity of treaties," and for plotting war which brought grief to millions, is designed not only to punish the former war lord, but also as a warning to any would-be-Napoleon in the future.

This information came today from Sir Frederick Pollock, the famous British international law expert and privy councillor who drew up the original draft of the indictment against the ex-kaiser.

This statement was made on the eve of the departure of Sir Frederick from London. It was stated at his offices that he would be absent for about a week, but his whereabouts and the nature of his mission was not revealed. It was said that his trip is in connection with plans for the extradition of the onetime ruler of Germany from Holland and his ultimate trial.

"This is not an action against the former German emperor so much as an effort to end the possibility for any uncivilized persons carrying out such policies in the future as those held by the ex-kaiser."

"The allies are not interested primarily in the ex-kaiser as a person nor his personal punishment. There are questions involved bigger than that. The actual thing sought is the trial and the branding for all time of an international idea—the power of one single man to declare war against the world."

"Precedents must be established preventing this in the future."

DEPOSE BYRNE AS HEAD OF IRISH CONSTABULARY

Rumor Removal Caused by Failure to Arrest Frank Walsh When in Ireland.

DUBLIN, Jan. 8.—Sir Joseph Byrne has been dismissed as head of the Royal Irish Constabulary and it was rumored today that one of the reasons was his failure to order the arrest of Frank Walsh, of the Irish-American delegation during his tour of Ireland in the interests of the Sinn Fein movement.

Another stated reason was the failure to arrest Sinn Fein prisoners during the recent round-up when British warships were sent to Kingstown to carry away deported Sinn Feiners, but departed empty.

U. S. TO HELP WITHDRAW CZECHS FROM SIBERIA

Arrangements have been completed for the removal of the Czechoslovak troops from Siberia, and the United States transports President Grant and America will leave New York soon for Vladivostok to begin the withdrawal of these forces, the State Department announced today.

MARTENS HAS 'DOUBLE' HERE

Man Resembling Red Envoy Keeps Police and Sleuths on the Jump.

TO TESTIFY BEFORE SENATE

Palmer's Agents Will Postpone Taking of "Ambassador" Until End of Quiz.

L. C. A. K. Martens, self-styled ambassador of Soviet Russia, long sought by the Department of Justice in order to arrest him on a deportation warrant, will not be arrested until after he has had an opportunity to testify before the Senate subcommittee which is to investigate Bolshevism. This was announced by the Department of Justice today.

From authoritative sources it was reported today that Martens' place of concealment is known to the Department of Justice and that his arrest is merely being deferred until he indicates whether he will appear before the Senate subcommittee.

Martens Has "Double."

Federal officers today intimate that Martens has a double who dresses and acts like the "ambassador."

It was announced today by officials of the department that if absolute assurance was given that Martens was to appear before the committee he would not be arrested until after he has given his testimony. The department is anxious that Martens shall have an opportunity to "tell all he knows," and the Attorney General particularly desires that he make good on the statements made by Nuorteva, to the effect that "red" plots have been "framed" by Department of Justice agents.

S. Nuorteva, secretary for Martens, said today that Martens has not fled Washington.

Has Not Run Away.

"Mr. Martens has not run away," said Nuorteva. "I have written Attorney General Palmer a nice little note in which I told him if he had any business to transact with Mr. Martens he could take the matter up with me as his secretary. I represent Mr. Martens and will receive any message for him that the Government may wish to send."

"We are getting our data ready to present to the Senate investigating committee, and are waiting for the conference in which he was engaging. Mr. Nuorteva received visitors this morning at his temporary offices, but declined to say anything about the conference in which he was engaging."

Ready For Business.

A list of 1,000 concerns who are ready to do business with Soviet Russia as soon as the blockade is lifted will be presented to the Senate committee, Nuorteva said.

"This indicates the activity in which the bureau has engaged since it was established in America," Nuorteva said.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to arrest Martens on Tuesday at the Lafayette Hotel by detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department. Department of Justice officials decided to take Martens into custody in connection with the "Red raids" which have been consummated during the last week.

When the Metropolitan police detectives visited the Lafayette Hotel Tuesday, searching for Martens, they arrested another man who at the time they believed to be Martens. It developed, it is said, that this man is a Government clerk who has been associated with the Russian ambassador, Soviet literature and other evidence bearing on his activity in this line was found on his clothing. It is said. The prisoner is being held pending further investigation.

5 PER CENT DRINKS IN N. J. TO BE MADE LEGAL

JERSEY CITY, Jan. 8.—Governor Elton Edwards of New Jersey holds there is nothing in the Constitutional amendment or the recent Supreme Court decision to prevent legislation in New Jersey permitting the sale of beer and wines containing not more than 5 per cent alcohol, it became known today.

At a meeting with prominent Democrats of the State here yesterday, it was decided to launch such legislation in the belief that the people of New Jersey will uphold the law.

TAKE BELL-AND-BEFORE MEALS and see how fine good digestion makes you feel. —Adv.